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MINNESOTA'S APRIL MILK OUTPUT UP 1 PERCENT

April 2005 milk production totaled 692 million pounds in Minnesota, up 1 percent from the 688 million pounds produced in April 2004, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Revised March milk output was 703 million pounds.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,520 pounds in April 2005, up 40 pounds from last April. The revised March rate was 1,545 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during April 2005 was 455,000 head, the same as March, but down 10,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 4 months of 2005 was 2.73 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the same period a year ago.

APRIL MILK PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during April 2005 totaled 13.61 billion pounds, up 3 percent from April 2004 in the 23 major states. Revised March production for the 23 states was 13.78 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 23 states averaged 1,679 pounds during April 2005, up 43 pounds from April 2004. Revised March output per cow was 1,702 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 23 major states during April averaged 8.11 million head, up 44,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major states for the first 4 months of 2005 was 52.92 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Apr 2004	Mar 2005 Rev.	Apr 2005	Apr 2004	Mar 2005 Rev.	Apr 2005	Apr 2004	Mar 2005 Rev.	Apr 2005	2005 as % of 2004
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,716	1,748	1,751	1,790	1,845	1,820	3,072	3,225	3,187	104
ID	414	441	443	1,770	1,880	1,850	733	829	820	112
MN	465	455	455	1,480	1,545	1,520	688	703	692	101
NY	658	648	646	1,500	1,570	1,545	987	1,017	998	101
PA	561	560	563	1,550	1,600	1,590	870	896	895	103
WI	1,242	1,233	1,233	1,485	1,560	1,535	1,844	1,923	1,893	103
23 States	8,063	8,095	8,107	1,636	1,702	1,679	13,194	13,779	13,612	103